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Date:

May 10,2007

To:

Ms. Marlene Dortch, Secretary, FCC

From:

Andrea Gerstenberger

Re:

Original Letter of Support to the California Telehealth Network

proposal (WC Docket No. 02-60, submitted May 7,2007)

Please find enclosed the original Letter of Support from California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, in support of the California Telehealth Network proposal. The proposal (WC Docket No. **02-60)** was submitted both in hard copy and electronically, and contained a scanned version of this Letter of support.

We are forwarding this original Letter to you now, for inclusion in the Original Proposal that was submitted to your office (along with 4 copies).

Thank you for the opportunity to apply for FCC funding for our Telehealth Network, and please do not hesitate to call me if there are any questions (5101287-3807).

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May 3,2007

The Honorable Kevin J. Martin Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: California Application to FCC on Telemedicine Grant

Dear Mr. Chairman,

As Governor of the State of California, I am pleased to endorse the University of California's application for the Federal Communications Commission Rural Health Care Pilot Program (FCC Pilot Program).

The accelerated deployment of broadband telecommunication technologies in California, specifically for use in telemedicine, is one of the top priorities of my administration. The FCC Pilot Program will complement and add great value to our State's Health Information Technology and Broadband Initiatives, which encourage public and private sector stakeholders to join with California's rural health care providers in developing a statewide telemedicine network.

The University of California will bring considerable resources to this effort. The UC Davis Center for Health and Technology is a national leader in the field **of** telemedicine and was recently awarded the prestigious "President's Award" by the American Telemedicine Association. Based in large part on UC's tremendous academic reputation, California voters approved \$200 million in resources last November that allowed the University to bring cutting-edge telemedicine training to expanded numbers of UC medical students.

Together with an investment from the California Emerging Technology Fund, these resources will enable California to better leverage the FCC's investment and help make quality health care more accessible to Californians living in rural areas. A successful implementation of the FCC Pilot Program in California will ultimately assist the FCC in bringing the benefits of broadband connectivity to healthcare providers and patients in rural areas across the nation. By linking them to California providers, including the world-class faculty at UC medical schools, rural areas throughout the country would have improved access to the newest treatments and techniques.

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Please consider the submission from the University of California as the state's application to the FCC Pilot Program. Beyond the University's groundbreaking work in the area of telemedicine, UC has an unmatched track record in successfully collaborating with public and private sector partners to produce forward-looking research and drive new technologies to market.

Thank you for your consideration of this application. We appreciate the opportunity to compete for federal funds that will provide much-needed assistance to those living in California's rural areas.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger

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